

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



MARK DAYTON

GOVERNOR

Emergency Executive Order 11-11

Declaring a State of Emergency in the State of Minnesota

I, Mark Dayton, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, including Minnesota Statutes, chapter 12, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

Whereas, heavy late summer and autumn precipitation, a snow pack containing a water content ranked among the highest of the last 60 years, and a forecasted warming trend over the coming weeks make conditions favorable for severe widespread flooding in the Minnesota, Upper and Lower Mississippi, Red River of the North, and St. Croix river basins; and

Whereas, sandbagging operations, road closures, and other emergency protective measures are taking place across the state; and

Whereas, the resources of local, county, and state governments must be fully utilized to ensure immediate response to protect the life and safety of persons in the affected areas, including the tribal nations of the Upper Sioux Agency, Prairie Island Indian Community and the following counties: Aitkin, Becker, Benton, Big Stone, Blue Earth, Brown, Carver, Chippewa, Clay, Cottonwood, Dakota, Goodhue, Grant, Hennepin, Houston, Jackson, Kittson, Lac Qui Parle, Le Sueur, Lyon, Marshall, McLeod, Morrison, Nicollet, Norman, Otter Tail, Pennington, Polk, Ramsey, Redwood, Red Lake, Renville, Scott, Sibley, Stearns, Steele, Stevens, Swift, Todd, Traverse, Wabasha, Washington, Wilkin, Winona, Wright, and Yellow Medicine, and to protect property and infrastructure from additional damage;

Now, Therefore, I hereby declare and order that:

1. A state of peacetime emergency exists under Minnesota Statutes, section 12.31.
2. The Department of Public Safety Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management will continue the activation of the Minnesota Emergency Operations Plan, continue the provision of on-site support and assistance to the affected local governments, and determine the need for supplementary disaster aid.
3. All state agencies are directed to continue to provide the assistance necessary to help local units of government respond to and recover from this emergency.
4. The Adjutant General of Minnesota will order to state active duty on or about April 6, 2011, in the service of the State, any personnel and equipment of the military forces of the State required to provide assistance in preparing for the emergency and in providing emergency relief services.
5. The Adjutant General is authorized to purchase, lease, or contract for goods or services necessary to accomplish the mission. The cost of subsistence, transportation, fuel, pay and allowances of individuals ordered by the Adjutant General shall be paid from the general fund of the State, as provided for in Minnesota Statutes, sections 192.49, 192.52 and 192.54.
6. The emergency relief from regulations to motor carriers and drivers operating in Minnesota authorized by Emergency Executive Order 11-07, issued March 24, 2011, is continued for an additional 30 days from today.

Under Minnesota Statutes, section 4.035, subdivision 2, this emergency order is effective immediately and remains in effect until the emergency status no longer requires emergency response. The peacetime emergency can be extended by the Executive Council or the Legislature in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 12.31,

subdivision 2. The portion of this order activating the National Guard is not subject to any time limitation contained in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 12.

In Testimony Whereof, I have set my hand on April 6, 2011.



Mark Dayton
Governor

Filed According to Law:



Mark Ritchie
Secretary of State

